

**NIHAI2014009**  
**“ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT OF MULTIPLEX DIAGNOSTIC PLATFORMS”**  
**AMENDMENT No. 2**

This Amendment lists questions submitted by interested parties and the responses provided by the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

**The responses are offered for information only and do not modify or become part of this solicitation.**

Amendment Number:	Two (2)
Amendment Issue Date:	July 9, 2014
Proposal Due Date:	Monday, August 4, 2014 3:30 PM Local Time (UNCHANGED)
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**Offerors must acknowledge receipt of the final posting of Amendment #2, on each copy of the proposal submitted. Failure to receive your acknowledgment of this Amendment may result in the rejection of your proposal.**

**The hour and date specified for receipt of proposals HAS NOT been extended.**

**A CUTOFF DATE FOR QUESTIONS IS SET AT JULY 28, 2014.**

**THE FOLLOWING PAGE PROVIDE ANSWERS CONCERNING A NUMBER OF INQUIRIES WE HAVE RECEIVED FOR THE ABOVE NUMBERED SOLICITATION:**

Question No.	Question	Answer
1	<b>Reference:</b> Will there be an issue if the contractor is funded by two separate institutions doing similar work?	<b>Response:</b> NIAID will review the other sources of current funding for any projects prior to award to eliminate any areas of research overlap with on-going projects.
2	<b>Reference:</b> Will it be possible to be the PI on both projects, if funded?	<b>Response:</b> Yes, as long as a PI has sufficient time to commit to all awards the PI is participating in.
3	<b>Reference:</b> Is there any limit or requirement structuring the budget with subcontractors?	<b>Response:</b> No limit or requirement
4	<b>Reference:</b> Is there a limit on the number of subcontractors?	<b>Response:</b> No Limit
5	<b>Reference:</b> Is there any restriction on non US subcontractors (foreign subcontractors)	<b>Response:</b> No restriction. A clearance and approval must be obtained for all foreign subcontractors prior to the start of that subcontractors work.
6	<b>Reference:</b> Is there any limit on the monies allocated as overhead for applicant and or subcontractors? Is there a recommendation as to how overhead should be calculated for the prime and subcontractor?	<b>Response:</b> All contractors and subcontractors must provide the government with their indirect rate agreement to justify any indirect rates proposed. If no agreement is in place, the contractor and subcontractor must supply documents showing how the rate is determined.
7	<b>Reference:</b> What criteria will be applied for the selection and eventual funding of the proposals if they are not being evaluated against each other?	<b>Response:</b> Please refer to the BAA, section VII. "EVALUATIONFACTORS FOR AWARD".
8	<b>Reference:</b> The total cost per year is estimated at \$2M/year over the maximum period of performance of 5 years for a total of \$10M. It is also indicated that total cost may vary and must be consistent with the complexity of the development. So if we forecast higher development costs, is it acceptable to go over the total budget of \$10M/5 years? Could we also have variations in annual cost over the different years?	<b>Response:</b> The total cost per year is the Government's estimate based on the nature of the work and allocated budget. While offerors may propose a budget higher than the estimate, bear in mind that final selection of awards will depend upon

		the technical ranking, importance to the Agency, <b><u>availability of funds</u></b> , and cost reasonableness.
9	<b>Reference:</b> Will the government purchase commercially available components/equipment under this BAA?	<b>Response:</b> There will not be any need for the government to purchase equipment under this BAA. Therefore, the government will not purchase equipment under this BAA.
10	<b>Reference:</b> If the instrument that we are interested in proposing does not include the sample preparation component already incorporated into the system in an automated fashion, does that disqualify our system from consideration?	<b>Response:</b> The proposed instrument does not meet Mandatory Criteria 1 and would not be considered appropriate for this BAA.